

IN HONOR OF MRS. GRACE VIRGINIA RICHARDSON HUMPHREY CUTTS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring woman, respected community leader, and a transgenerational pillar in Dawson, Georgia—Mrs. Grace Virginia Richardson Humphrey Cutts. Sadly, Mrs. Cutts passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at the remarkable age of 108. But she leaves behind a legacy of impact upon countless people whose lives she touched. Her funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 11 am at the Adoration Temperance Obedience Charity (ATOC) African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Dawson, Georgia.

Mrs. Grace Virginia Richardson Humphrey Cutts was born on March 2, 1912, in Dawson, Georgia, to the union of Walter Revenna Richardson and Clara Louise Cochran Richardson.

Mrs. Cutts was a person who overcame many obstacles to make a difference in the lives of others. She was raised in a time during which African Americans were limited in their opportunities to better themselves. But, Mrs. Cutts was undeterred and set out on a path to overcome all obstacles that would prevent her from carrying out God's calling upon her life.

She graduated from Allen Normal and Industrial High School and enrolled in Georgia Normal and Agricultural College—now Albany State University, graduating in 1949.

She served as a teacher for 45 years, using her gifts to impact the lives of thousands of young people who went on to achieve in no small part because of her influence. Even after she retired, she continued to make a difference in the lives of young people through tutoring and mentoring.

The course and the direction of her life were set by the name she was given at birth—Grace. She was proud of her character and used that character to exhibit grace and compassion to all with whom she came in contact. She kept God as the center of her life and the captain of her ship. She was a member of the ATOC AME Church for an astonishing 102 years. Besides being the Mother of the Church, she served during various times as the church pianist, secretary, and Stewardess.

In addition to being dedicated to her church and her community, she was a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her family was always supportive and through the years, allowed her to give her time and treasure to God and her community. She was married to the late Calvin Homer Humphrey and the late Sammie Lee Cutts; was the loving mother to the late Calvin Walter Humphrey; and she was a doting grandmother and great grandmother.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." We are so thankful that Mrs. Grace Cutts always brought a folding chair and used her life's work to make a difference. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Mrs. Cutts

exemplified that grace because of her faith in God and used God's grace to serve others in a mighty way. To God Be The Glory for the amazing and meaningful life of Mrs. Grace Virginia Richardson Humphrey Cutts.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, and all those who mourn her loss, salute Mrs. Grace Virginia Richardson Humphrey Cutts for her lifetime of service to humankind. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Mrs. Cutts' family during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

VICTORVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JIM COX RETIRES

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the retirement of Jim Cox from the Victorville City Council.

Jim was first named Victorville City Manager in 1969, and held that position until 2000. He returned after a brief departure to serve as City Manager again from 2009 to 2012. During his time as City Manager, he won a number of accolades and was appointed to several regional boards and commissions, highlighting the expertise he displayed as he worked on behalf of Victorville residents. In 2012, Jim was elected to the Victorville City Council, where he served two terms.

Jim's time on the council has been marked by successes in Victorville, including the La Mesa/Nisqualli Bridge and interchange project. He has governed with decency and decorum, and has always place an emphasis on community service. His work with Rotary International, as well as his ex-officio membership of the Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, has impacted his community just as deeply as his government service. I offer my sincere congratulations to Jim on a well deserved retirement, and wish him the best as he moves to the next chapter of his life.

APPRECIATING CINDY SMITH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to take the time to recognize Cindy Smith for her dedicated work to the Lexington District One Board of Trustees. She is an important member of our community as she has worked to improve our children's education.

DISTRICT HONORS 20-YEAR BOARD MEMBER

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, the Lexington District One Board of Trustees honored board chair Cynthia "Cindy" S. Smith who decided to retire following 20 consecutive years of devoted service to the district.

She became involved in Lexington District One while serving as president of the Lexington Elementary School PTA. After serving in the PTA and her children's School Improvement Council, she decided to run for the Board of Trustees in 2000 and was elected.

Smith served as secretary, vice chair and chair throughout her 20 years of service.

As one of the fastest-growing school districts in the state, ranking sixth in total enrollment, Smith is proud of the excellent academic reputation the district established.

During her tenure on the board, the district experienced rapid growth, and drew accolades and national recognition for high academic improvement and innovative programs.

An active community member, Smith chaired the South Carolina Insurance Trust Board of Directors, the Lexington District One Educational Foundation, the South Carolina School Boards Association and the Lexington Woman's Club and served on the Executive Board of the Friends of the Lexington County Library and the Board of Directors for the South Carolina School Improvement Council.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELAINE RASBERRY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Elaine Rasberry was born on January 31, 1956 in Chicago, IL to the union of Christine Davis and Leroy Williams, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brother Calvin Davis and granddaughter Jurzee Hopson.

Elaine accepted the Lord as her personal savior at an early age under the leadership of Pastor Hackline of Chicago, IL. She realized you find God the moment you realize you don't need to seek him. Later she joined Garden of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Johnnie Haynie.

Elaine loved her family and her friends. She was your favorite cousins' favorite cousin. She stayed connected to everyone in her extended family including the Davis, Williams, Houston and Rasberry families. She was known for her famous lemon pies and German chocolate cakes. Her brother Calvin traveled miles for a taste of her butter cookies.

Elaine graduated from Lucy Flower High School in Chicago and received a business certificate from the Murdock Institute. She always had a passion for children, serving as an associate at Mark's Day Care and a teacher's aide at St. Eulalia Elementary school. Most recently, she served as a student monitor for children with special needs at Student First.

Elaine's hobbies included cooking, traveling, watching The Young and the Restless and Tyler Perry movies, eating Red Lobster, posting on Facebook and of course she loved shopping.

She always had a deep affection for helping people, serving as the Vice-President of the Van Buren Block Club where she hosted school supply drives to help poverty-stricken families. One of her biggest honors was meeting and taking a photo with President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

Elaine made her transition to be with the Lord on November 25, 2020. She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband Eugene Rasberry, her son Jarvis Houston, her daughters Latrice Houston (Giovanni), Latrina Houston (Jeff) and son Devin Rasberry (Diana), sister Tamesha Hawkins (Stanley), sister Lawana Davis, eight grandchildren (Giovanni Jr, Gialin, Amerika, Jurnee, Amina, Gili, Ezekiel, Jaylen) and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

REMEMBERING RITA MARIE BRUS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Rita Marie Brus.

Rita Marie Brus, age 91, passed away on November 27, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late James Brus, Sr. Rita was born on November 13, 1929 to the late Joseph and the late Florence Choiniere. Dear mother of the late James Brus, Jr. Mother-in-law to Kathleen Brus. Cherished grandmother to Matthew Brus, and Kimberly (Patrick) Lusch. Adored great-grandmother to Kylan, Kinsleigh, and Kamden Lusch. Loving sister to Sister Mary Choiniere SSJ, Margaret (Harvey) Richardson, the late Joseph (the late Georgina) Choiniere, the late Bernadette (Ralph) Dunnigan, and the late Robert Choiniere. Rita was loved by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

When the love of her life died young, Rita went back to school and became a dietary supervisor. She spent years working at St. John Nursing Home in Detroit. She cherished her time with her grandchildren, spending weekends with them. She was a devout Catholic, and sponsored numerous people through confirmation. Rita was Godmother to over eight family members. She held a special place in her heart for those with disabilities, including two great nieces, and donated time with the Special Olympics. Widowed for 40 years, Rita instilled the importance of Catholic values, such as attending Mass and the Sacraments, in her family.

Her husband's Upper Peninsula roots rubbed off on Rita, as she passed on her love

of cooking pasties and other comfort foods. She loved a great family gossip conversation and as a result, you always knew where you stood with Rita! Conversations with Rita always started with her asking how her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were. Her great-grandchildren loved being pushed on her walker as they raced down the hallways. She shared a special bond with her sister, Margaret. Also of great importance to Rita were her many nieces and nephews, all of whom she treated like her own.

Despite suffering through many losses, including that of her husband and her only son, Rita instilled in her family the importance of always putting God first.

How blessed we are to have had Rita in our lives! Heaven has gained a spunky angel!

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 8

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine an essential part of a COVID-19 solution, focusing on early outpatient treatment.

VTC

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine United States priorities for engagement at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

WEBCAST

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Security

To hold hearings to examine United States Coast Guard capabilities for safeguarding national interests and promoting economic security in the Arctic.

SR-253

DECEMBER 9

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles W. Cook, Jr., to be a Member, Board of Directors, Tennessee Valley Authority.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the invalidation of the European Union-United States Privacy Shield and the future of transatlantic data flows.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy

To hold hearings to examine investigating challenges to American retirement security.

WEBEX

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs response to COVID-19 across the VA enterprise.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine advancing tribal self-governance and cultural sovereignty for future generations, focusing on languages to homelands.

SD-628